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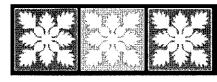
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Hawaii Association of Health Plans

February 3, 2012

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Committee on Health

Re: HB 2817 - Relating to Health Insurance

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Richard Jackson and I am the chair of the Public Policy Committee of the Hawaii Association of Health Plans (HAHP). HAHP is a non-profit organization consisting of eight (8) member organizations:

AlohaCare

Hawaii Medical Assurance Association

HMSA

Hawaii-Western Management Group, Inc.

Kaiser Permanente

MDX Hawai'i

University Health Alliance

UnitedHealthcare

Our mission is to promote initiatives aimed at improving the overall health of Hawaii. We are also active participants in the legislative process. Before providing any testimony at a legislative hearing, all HAHP member organizations must be in unanimous agreement of the statement or position.

HAHP appreciates the opportunity to testify <u>in support of HB 2817</u>, which extends to March 23, 2014 the requirement that health plans offer insurance coverage to sole proprietors.

As mandated by the federal Affordable Care Act, sole proprietors will be capable of gaining insurance coverage through state exchanges, which are required to be fully operational by January 1, 2014. HAHP member organizations support the extension of the sunset date for health plans to offer coverage to sole proprietors until 2014 when it is available to them in our state exchange, the Hawaii Health Connector.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2817.

Sincerely,

Richard Jackson

Chair, HAHP Public Policy Committee

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